

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 3, 7-10, 13 and 19-21. All pending claims are reproduced below.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of merging first and second text ~~computer~~ files wherein the first and second text ~~computer~~ files are modified versions of a common text ~~computer~~ file, the method comprising the steps of:

producing a first set of stacked diffs between the first text ~~computer~~ file and the common text ~~computer~~ file;

producing a second set of stacked diffs between the second text ~~computer~~ file and the common text ~~computer~~ file; and

simultaneously displaying the first and second sets of stacked diffs, wherein common lines of text included in the first and second sets of stacked diffs are aligned and new lines of text included in each of the first and second sets of stacked diffs are aligned with blank lines of the other stacked diff.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first and second sets of stacked diffs can be scrolled together.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein conflicts between the first and second text ~~computer~~ files are displayed and only one conflict is active at a time.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of:
displaying version control system metadata relating to the active conflict.

5. (Previously Presented) The method in claim 4, wherein version control system metadata comprises a revision number, date, checkin comments, and/or user identification pertaining to the version in which data was created.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, wherein version control system metadata comprises a revision number, date, checkin comments, and/or user identification pertaining to the version in which data was deleted.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein the step of displaying version control system metadata relating to the active conflict comprises the steps of:

searching an active conflict of the first and second sets of stacked diffs;
creating a list of revisions for lines of text deleted from the active conflict portion;
creating a list of revisions for lines of text added [[from]] to the active conflict portion;

and

displaying the version control system metadata relating to the deleted lines of text and/or the added lines of text.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of:

displaying creation information or deletion information for deleted lines of text.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of:

alternatively displaying or not displaying deleted lines of text in the active conflict in the first and second set of stacked diffs.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

selecting one line of text or block of lines of text from either of the first and second sets of stacked diffs;

copying the selected lines of text to a conflict resolution pane; and

repeating the selecting and copying steps to achieve a conflict resolution.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of:

undoing the selection and copying steps.

12. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of:

moving to a successive or previous conflict.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

alternatively displaying or not displaying deleted lines of text in the first and second sets of stacked diffs.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

alternatively displaying or not displaying annotations with the first and second sets of stacked diffs.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 20, wherein

simultaneously displaying the first and second sets of stacked diffs comprises displaying version control metadata relating to an active conflict.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 20, further

comprising:

computer program code for displaying annotations in the first and second sets of stacked diffs.

19. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 20, further

comprising:

computer program code for alternatively displaying or not displaying deleted lines of text in the first and second sets of stacked diffs.

20. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium including a computer program

for merging first and second ~~computer~~ text files wherein the first and second ~~computer~~ text files

are modified versions of a common text ~~computer~~ file, the computer readable medium comprising:

computer program code for producing a first set of stacked diffs between the first ~~computer~~ text file and the common ~~computer~~ text file and for producing a second set of stacked diffs between the ~~second~~ text computer file and the ~~common~~ text computer file; and

computer program code for simultaneously displaying the first and second sets of stacked diffs, wherein common lines of text included in [[of]] the first and second sets of stacked diffs are aligned and new lines included in [[of]] each of the first and second sets of stacked diffs are aligned with blank lines of the other stacked diff.

21. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 20, further comprising:

computer program code for selecting one or more lines of text ~~or one or more lines~~ from each of the first and second sets of stacked diffs and for copying the selected lines of text to a conflict resolution pane.